

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
March 15, 2021

Mayor Warner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Rosanne Warner; Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Carpenter; Trustees Jeffrey Watkins; Bill McDade (via Webex) and Douglas Gustin; Village Administrator Jenn Farwell; Police Chief James Zophy; Code Enforcement Officer Michael Adsit; Fire Chief TJ Tornatore; Village Historian David Sadler; Recreation Leader Nichole Boston; Jason Evans and Chris Graham representing Co-ed Softball.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve minutes from the March 1, 2021 budget meeting. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve minutes from the March 1, 2021 meeting. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Gustin, approving the following budget transfer in the amount of \$9,197.23 from 90108.01 (State Retirement), \$1,994.00 from 90158.01 (Police/Fire Retirement), \$5623.18 from 90408.01 (Workers Compensation), to 97106.01 (Debt Services). Transfer \$987.50 from 19904.01 (Contingency) to 14204.01 (Village Attorney). Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee McDade, to increase 36504.01 (Demolition of unsafe structure) by \$644.00. Increase 1570.01 (Demolition revenue) by \$29,556.00. Increase 97106.01 (Debt Services) by \$9,173.09. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$76,133.13. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$29,484.74. Passed 5 to 0.

Public Comments.

None.

Department Heads.

Recreation Specialist Nichole Boston reported that Rec is working on the Easter Egg Hunt and the Spring Break program with the Public Library.

Jason Evans and Chris Graham addressed the Board regarding Co-ed Softball and they asked about the budget for this year. Administrator Farwell advised that the budget was given to the Mayor. The

Mayor gave copies to the Board. The Board reviewed the history of the program fees and costs. They talked about how to handle the money and if this should be a Recreation Program or if they should be just using our fields. The Board would like to see more adult leagues using our fields on more evenings. Field usage by all programs was discussed. The Mayor would like us to have more discussions about this. Chief Zophy suggested that he get the name of the person currently in charge of Co-ed Softball.

The discussion with Department Heads was paused to hold the public hearing.

7:30 Public Hearing on authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-2 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Mayor Warner opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.. Clerk/Treasurer Williams read the Notice of Public Hearing out loud. Mayor Warner noted that we are addressing this so that if we have to exceed the tax cap we can and she noted that this protects us if something happens.

Mayor Warner asked three (3) times if anyone wanted to speak for or against the local law. The Mayor received no response.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee McDade, to close the public hearing at 7:38 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee McDade, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to approve the attached resolution adopting Local Law 3 of the Year 2021, authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-c for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Passed 5 to 0.

Department Head discussion was resumed.

Village Historian David Sadler advised the Board that someone repainted and reset the marker on Route 5 and it looks good. The Mayor noted that there are other markers that need to be repainted.

Chief Zophy reviewed his Department's stats that he submitted to the Board.

Code Enforcement Officer Adsit reviewed his report. He has started with spring clean up, junk around houses and unregistered vehicles. The property on State Street is hopefully getting taken care of. There is an eviction proceeding in the Court which should make the situation better. CEO Adsit talked about the meeting that was had with Jason Dean. He has a company has a device that cleans blue/green algae. CEO Adsit talked about the process and how it could help the Village at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Dean would be interested in doing a PILOT project with the Village. We have requested an extension of time to take care of the effluent treatment. The Board talked about how this system would work with our current grant funding. CEO Adsit noted that Mr.

Dean is pretty confident that he will be able to help us. The Mayor talked about how the bad soil at the WWTP will affect the cost of putting in the UV disinfection system.

Fire Chief Tornatore referred to his report that was previously submitted and advised that the Village did not receive the grant for the gear washer.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve payments totaling \$2,400.92 from the General Fund to MBI for health insurance debit card transactions from February 1, 2021 - February 28, 2021. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to approve Resolution to Adopt the Police Reform and Reinvention Plan pursuant to Executive Order 203. A roll call vote was taken. Mayor Rosanne Warner - Aye; Trustee Douglas Gustin - Aye; Trustee Jeffrey Carpenter - Aye; Trustee William McDade - Aye; Trustee Jeffrey Watkins - Aye. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to approve contract between Village of Canastota and Power Generation & Industrial Engines Inc. for maintenance at Town Hall, Fire Department and Rescue Truck 125 in the amount of \$883.04 and authorize Mayor to execute the same. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to approve loan from General Fund to Capital Project in the amount of \$722 for architectural fees for the LWRP designs. Passed 5 to 0.

Correspondence.

None.

Administrator.

Administrator Farwell advised the Board that Supervisor DiVeronica asked the Village Rec Program to take over the Skate Park.

Mayor.

The Mayor talked about the information that she found regarding the 2010 Sewer Agreement. It was done in 2008 and amended in 2010.

The Mayor did a proclamation commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Ali vs. Frasier fight. The Mayor received a call from Ring Magazine about the anniversary.

The Mayor advised the Board that she did research some information regarding the parking lot on the side of the municipal building. She asked Joel Arsenault to log into the meeting tonight. The Mayor did not find any agreement on the part of the Village to allow Mr. Arsenault's tenants to park in the lot during the winter. The Mayor talked about some information that she did find regarding the parking lot. The Mayor suggested that if the Village were willing to consider allowing parking in the Village lot, there would need to be parameters and rules. The Board talked about how to move forward with this. Chief Zophy noted that the Codes Committee is working on a law regarding no parking overnight in the municipal lot. This could help address this matter. The Board talked about alternate parking for the residents of Mr. Arsenault's building. The Board discussed the possibility of parking by permit. Mayor Warner will ask Mr. Arsenault to be here at the next meeting. Chief Zophy will ask Attorney Stokes for the law before the meeting.

Mayor Warner reviewed with the Board the request from the Town of Lenox to return \$10,000 to them for the Rec monies that were not spent by the Village in our 2020-2021 fiscal year. The Board reviewed the history of the Recreation Contract and payments from the Town to the Village. The Board also discussed the offer from the Town for the Village to take over the Skate Park. Administrator Farwell discussed the Library Program that was proposed by the Rec Board and where that program is.

The Mayor advised that there was some damage to the softball field at the Rec Field when the lights were installed. There was a meeting with the contractor and the contractor is going to re-wire the concession stand and put new lights and plugs in the stand. Administrator Farwell talked about how this will work and some other work that will be done at the Rec Field.

Administrator Farwell spoke about the quote from Northland regarding the new phone system. They are working on the full installation plan. The Mayor asked if this includes the cost of the phone in the elevator. Administrator Farwell will get a quote from Northland for that.

Administrator Farwell advised that there were two (2) stakeholder meetings for the Canal Project last week. She talked about the meetings and who attended and what was discussed. Administrator Farwell noted that there were good, constructive discussions from both meetings.

Trustee Comments.

Trustee Watkins asked about scheduling budget meetings. The Board talked about how the budget process works. They would like to meet on March 29, 2021, to present the budget and have discussions.

Trustee Gustin is working with CEO Adsit on the change of addresses. He noted that there are a couple of areas that still need to be addressed. Trustee Gustin has received some complaints but they are moving forward.

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Trustee McDade has nothing tonight.

Trustee Carpenter noted that the Clark Park sign may be missing a bulb. Mayor Warner noted that we need to check the sign at the pool.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Watkins, to enter into Executive Session regarding personnel matters at 8:35 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Carpenter, to exit Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Adjourn.

Motion by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Gustin, to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer